

IV. REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 102, 103, 105-111, 114, 116-121, 129-154 and 175-176 were allowed.

Objection was made to the Abstract for reasons set forth in the Action, and correction was required. The corrected Abstract is provided in this response on a separate page.

Claims 122, 124, 126 and 155-164 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter for reasons set forth in the Action.

Claims 122, 124 and 155-174 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to be adequately described in the specification for reasons set forth in the Action.

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 112, so as to present allowable subject matter in the claims, in view of the following argument.

The examiner has noted (Point 2 of the Action) that in order to be patentable a computer program product must be stored on a computer readable medium and be executable by a processor. Claim 126 is canceled and Claims 122 and 155-164 are amended to meet the requirements of the examiner.

Further (Point 3 of the Action), the examiner states that "computer useable medium", "program means", "first program means", "second program means" are not defined. Claim 126 is canceled, as noted above, and Claims 122 and 155-174 are amended.

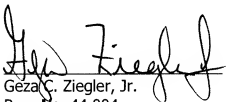
With respect to Claim 165, the examiner has interpreted the claim as a single means claim. Claim 165 is amended to include additional steps that overcome the interpretation of the single means function.

In view of the foregoing argument and amendments, it is urged that the foregoing rejections have been overcome so as to secure allowable subject matter in the independent claims and in their respective dependent claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for the three-month extension of time (\$1,020) as well as any other fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

Respectfully submitted,



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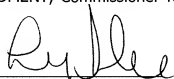
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